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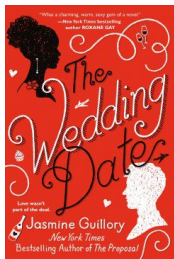
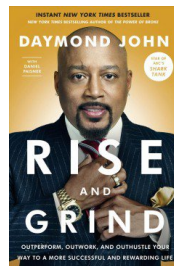
by Michelle Obama

An intimate memoir by the former First Lady chronicles the experiences that have shaped her remarkable life, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago through her setbacks and achievements in the White House

Rise and Grind : Out-Perform, Out-Work, and Out-Hustle Your Way to a More Successful and Rewarding Life

by Daymond John

The best-selling author of The Power of Broke and star of Shark Tank explores the importance of courage, persistence and old-fashioned hard work in every successful business and individual, tracing the story of his own rise from obscurity while citing the examples of professionals who achieved their goals through a determined work ethic.



The Wedding Date

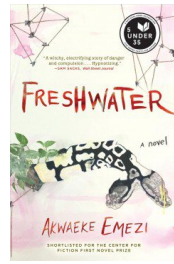
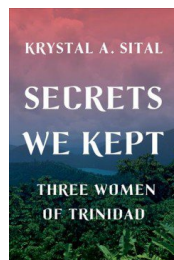
by Jasmine Guillory

Stranded together in an elevator during a power outage, Drew and Alexa agree to pose as a couple at an ex's wedding and discover afterwards that they are unable to forget each other.

Secrets We Kept : Three Women of Trinidad

by Krystal A. Sital

An award-winning writer describes her Trinidad upbringing in the shadow of her revered grandfather, a wealthy Hindu landowner who tyrannized over three generations of women in the author's family and whose life reflected their tranquil island home's history of violence, suppression and racial tension.



Freshwater

by Akwaeke Emezi

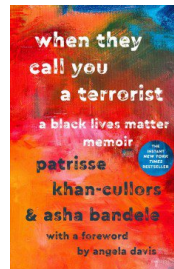
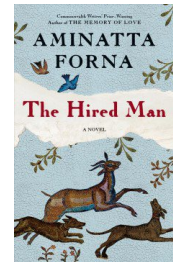
Traces the experiences of a deeply troubled young woman who alarms her devout Nigerian family as she succumbs to multiple personality disorder and begins to display increasingly dark and dangerous traits in accordance with her fractured

personalities.

The Hired Man

by Aminatta Forna

A British woman and her two children move into a small Croatian village after the War of Independence and befriend a local handyman who helps shield them from the locals' hostilities towards strangers.



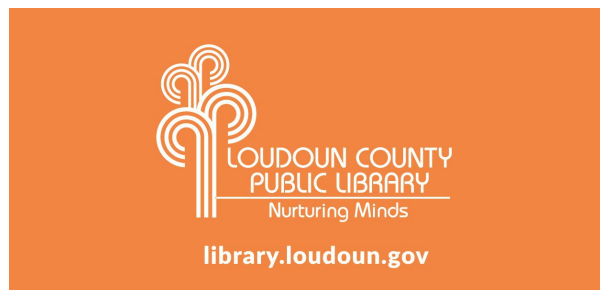
When They Call You a Terrorist : a Black Lives Matter Memoir

by Patrisse Khan-Cullors

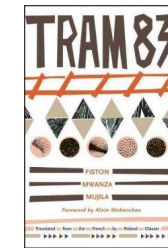
A lyrical memoir by the co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement urges readers to understand the movement's position of love, humanity and justice, challenging perspectives that have negatively

labeled the movement's activists while calling for essential political changes.

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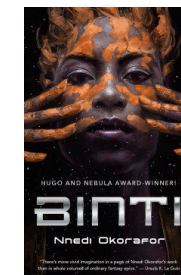
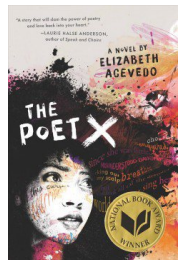
by Fiston Mwanza Mujila

Exceptional debut Congolese novel uses jazz rhythm to evoke the frenzied exploitation of land and people in contemporary Africa

The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo

The daughter of devout immigrants discovers the power of slam poetry and begins participating in a school club as part of her effort to understand her mother's strict religious beliefs and her own developing relationship to the world.



Binti

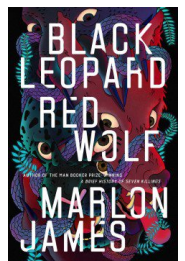
by Nnedi Okorafor

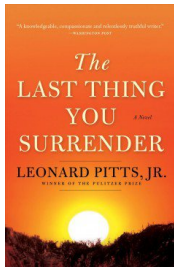
When Binti is offered a place at Oomza University, the finest institution of higher learning in the galaxy, she must rely on the gifts of her people and the wisdom found within the school

Black Leopard, Red Wolf

by Marlon James

In the first novel in Marlon James's Dark Star trilogy, myth, fantasy, and history come together to explore what happens when a mercenary is hired to find a missing child.





The Last Thing You Surrender : a Novel of World War II

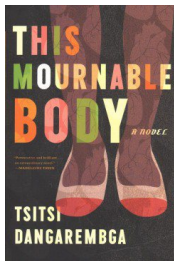
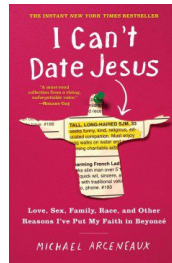
by Leonard Pitts

A historical novel of race and war that follows three characters from the Jim Crow South as they face the enormous changes World War II triggers in the United States.

I Can't Date Jesus : Love, Sex, Family, Race, and Other Reasons I've Put My Faith in Beyoncé

by Michael Arceneaux

This collection of humorous and contemplative essays from one of today's boldest writers on social issues discusses coming out to his mother, growing up in Houston, fire ants, fleas and being approached to join the priesthood.



This Mournable Body

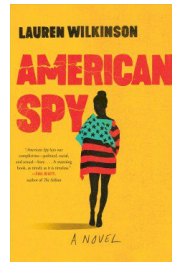
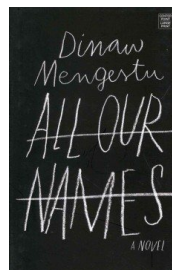
by Tsitsi Dangarembga

The protagonist of Nervous Conditions struggles to make a life for herself in Harare, Zimbabwe, eventually taking an ecotourism job that forces her to return to her parents' impoverished homestead, leading to an unforgivable betrayal.

All Our Names

by Dinaw Mengestu

Coming of age during an African revolution, a brilliant university student-turned-fighter eventually flees the escalating violence of his country to resettle in America, where he is haunted by his past and the memory of a charismatic leader's devastating sacrifice.



American Spy

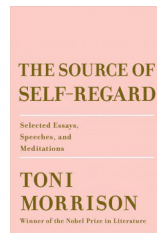
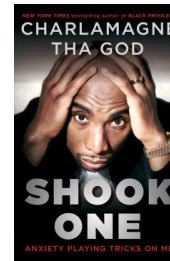
by Lauren Wilkinson

A Cold War FBI intelligence officer joins an undercover task force to seduce a revolutionary African Communist president she secretly admires and comes to love, in a story inspired by true events.

Shook One : Anxiety Playing Tricks on Me

by Charlamagne Tha God

The New York Times best-selling author of Black Privilege and cohost of Power 105.1's The Breakfast Club, reveals his blueprint for breaking free from one's fears and anxiety to reach that elusive next level of success



The Source of Self-Regard : Selected Essays, Speeches, and Meditations

by Toni Morrison

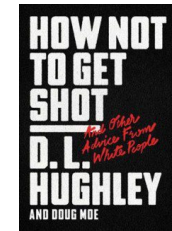
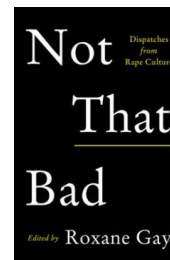
An anthology of the Nobel Prize-winning writer's essays, speeches and commentary on society, culture and art includes her powerful prayer for the dead of 9/11, her searching meditation

on Martin Luther King, Jr. and her poignant eulogy for James Baldwin.

Not That Bad : Dispatches from Rape Culture

by Roxane Gay

Covering a vast array of topics and experiences, from an exploration of the rape epidemic embedded in the refugee crisis to accounts of child molestation, a series of authors, in this thought-provoking collection of first-person essays edited by the author of Bad Feminist, tackle rape, assault and harassment head on.



How Not to Get Shot : and Other Advice from White People

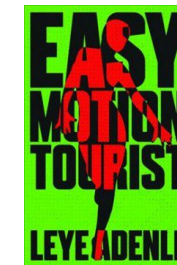
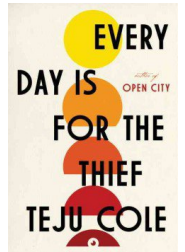
by D. L. Hughley

The comedian host of the nationally syndicated radio program, The Original Kings of Comedy, builds on conversations he had with his children in a cutting satire of race relations in the era of Trump and Black Lives Matter

Every Day is for the Thief

by Teju Cole

Returning to Lagos after several years in New York City, a young Nigerian writer rediscovers his hometown as both a foreigner and a local while reconnecting with old friends, comparing Lagos to the home of his memory and realizing how he himself has changed.



Easy Motion Tourist

by Leye Adenle

Easy Motion Tourist is a compelling crime novel set in contemporary Lagos. It features Guy Collins, a British hack who stumbles by chance into the murky underworld of the city. A modern thriller featuring a strong female protagonist, prepared to take on the Nigerian criminal world on her own.

White is for Witching

by Helen Oyeyemi

Suffering from pica, a malady that causes her to eat nonedible items, sixteen-year-old Miranda helps to run the family bed-and-breakfast while witnessing her community's hostilities toward outsiders, a malice that erupts in violent and destructive ways.

